

Deputation

by Jim Watters for Sept. 15 2017 HCM Council meeting



Since noise is one of the main concerns of permanent residents, whose property backs the trail, at our end of the abandoned rail bed, some may be wondering why noise is not a problem in another close area, for example, Loon Valley Lane. Hopefully the attached diagram and the following text will help answer the why?

At the top of the diagram you will note that my home is approximately 250' from the rail bed center and other than trees and some bush there is no barrier to block the sound made by snowmobiles. In fact I can see the snowmobiles as they travel down the trail from my home.

At the bottom portion of the diagram you will see that the homes on Loon Valley Lane are also, approximately 250' from the centre of the rail bed. As well as trees and bush there is a hill that deflects a lot of the snowmobile noise away from these homes. Those living on Loon Valley Lane probably have no idea of the disruptive nature that this noise has on their neighbors up at our end of the 3km stretch of rail bed.

Hopefully this answers this question "why".

Finally with the difficult task that council has, please consider as well by asking yourselves— 'knowing what I now know and realizing that there is an alternative trail route', would I want this trail in my back yard 250' from my home or allow it to be put in my neighbours.'

For you now know from our collective experience last year, if the snowmobile trail remains in its present position it will again affect our lives and the enjoyment of our homes. If the trail is rerouted it has yet to be proven to affect the lives or businesses in this area. I do not feel it will affect the lives of our neighbors on Loon Valley Lane (unless the speeding continues) or the volunteers of the Missing Link Snowmobile Club.

In any event I will accept and respect the council's decision. Thank you for letting me and my neighbours voice our concerns in the matter.

